

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 8-18, and 23-27 are pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 13-18 and 23-25. Claims 1, 8-12, and 26-27 have been cancelled with this response. The cancellation of claims 1, 8-12, and 26-27 removes all rejected claims from consideration, and thereby is believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

**I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 8-12, AND 26-27 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1, 8-12, and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0120339 (Ronciak) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0249998 (Rajagopalan et al.). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1, 8-12, and 26-27 are cancelled with this response, thereby rendering the above issue moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 8-12, and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION**

As the rejected claims are now canceled, all remaining claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, AMDP772US.

Respectfully submitted,  
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